

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14 have been amended.

No new matter is being presented and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 1

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claim 1 because the word "or" is misspelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the typographical error. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 AND 14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY EZEKIEL ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 5,625,783)

The rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 14 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Ezekiel et al. teaches setting one or more of the menu items being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to the one or more of the menu items, citing column 9, lines 33-38.

However, independent claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14, as amended, teach modifying a definition file by *allowing a user to select one or more of said menu items* being registered in a definition file to be suppressed, and indicating a suppress process to said one or more of said menu items. Ezekiel et al. does not teach or even suggest this feature. In fact, in Ezekiel et al., a user cannot modify the definition file.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14 patentably distinguish over the reference.

Claim 4 depends from amended claim 1 and inherits its patentable recitations. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 also patentably distinguishes over the reference.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE EXAMINER

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on July 19, 2005, he stated that the amended claims appear to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b); however, he further stated that he would conduct another search based on the amended claims, after receiving the formal Response.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

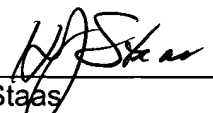
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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